WILL ARRIVE TODAY.

Pastor at Noon.

mmunity the kindest consideration kinsman out there in his especial care.

expression on the part of this public. He will be most happily remembered Presbyterians of Astoria Will Welcome as the chaplain of the Second Oregon regiment in the Philippines where his The Asteriau is in receipt of a letter record for bravery and all-round kindfrom a devoted friend of Rev. W. S. liness made him immensely popular Gilbert and family, who will be wel- with the army and doubly so with the comed here today, at noon, on their myriads of home-folks whose hearts artival from Portland, urging upon this were centered in some son or other



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of the reverened gentleman and his In fact, he was the first Protestant good wife. It is the letter of a warm clergyman to preach and perform the friend and its utterances are calculated other gracious offices of his calling, just to pave the way for a long and appre- as his regiment was the first to land ciative career here for Mr. Gilbert and there in the defense of American rights would have been published but it was and prestige. None of these things are subjected to scrutiny, and an order was not written for that purpose,

his coming, nor his stay will be bar- good will and hospitality of the Cityren of notable esteem and its prompt by the Sea.

forgotten in Astoria, and will be borne made directing Mr. Crang upon the com-Mr. Gilbert is not unknown to very in mind, along with all other claims posmany in Astoria and it is not unlikely sessed by Mr. Gilbert upon the entire

SWALLOWED UP.

Italy.

At Genzano, a town of 8000 inhabi- at work on the debris,

tants in the province of Potenza, the earth sudenly opened Thursday, en-Earthquake Engulfs Ten Houses in gulfing ten houses and shattering many December, was submitted, and duly apothers, which threatened to fall.

Many persons were buried in the NEW YORK, Jan. 5.-A cable dis-ruins, Fourteen dead bodies have been patch to the Herald from Rome says: recovered and a corps of engineers is

ING UPON ANOTHER YEAR-LETS

Holds First Meeting For this Current Year.

GRIST OF ROUTINE MATTER

Reports Submitted by Superintendent, Inspector and Secretary-Ordern Are Made-Bills Ordered Paid-Rates Adjusted-Notes.

The Astoria Water Commission met in first regular session for the year 1906, last night at 7:30 o'clock, in its handsome office at the city hall, at ard, H. G. Van Dusen, J. A. Fisher, without pay, Asmus Brix, and J Q. A. Bowlby, with wick in attendance on the board.

The minutes of the previous session were read and duly approved and the firmation of his suggestions), and was commission took up the secumulated adopted. affairs as presented by Mr. Lounsberry and disposed of the same in sequence, as follows:

the month of December was read, reviewed and ordered placed on file. And the report of Inspector Crang was also pletion of his special inspection of the city, now under way, to file his full rethe present month.

chairman showing the issuance of the salary warrants for the month of

The current bills against the commission for the month of December were then read in detail, approved, and ordered paid by warrant forthwith. The sum of the bills was \$150.50.

A communication was read from

Irving (erstwhile, the Cole), asking for an abatement of the regular rates charged for his hotel, and after due scrutiny of the account, it was ascertained that the rate charged for the steam-heating boiler in the hotel was levied under a misapprehension of the real rate, and the same was cured not only in the rate book, but in the bill presented to Mr. Olsen, and the clerk was directed to inform Mr. Olsen that this particular rate was commuted to 50 cents, where it had been rendered at \$3, but that the other items of the bill must stand as charged, as regular rating; all of which was done under formal action of the commission,

In the matter of the report of the inspector that the Standard Oil people in this city were running a continuous service stream of water in confections with their gasoline engine at the plant here, without compensation (heretofore referred to a special committee for examination and report it was ascertained last night to be a fact, and the commission directed the placing of a meter on the service water pipe for a which time and place there were pres- month, and that the measure for the ent: President Charles S. Wright, and month, be charged for the current Commissioners S. Elmore, C. J. Trench. month, and for the preceeding two months that supply had been furnished

The report of the special committee Clerk G. W. Lounsberry in charge of heretofore charged with the examithe records, and Superintendent Bers- nation of Superintendent Berswick's recommendations for the improvement of the water service, was read (in con-

A line of communications was read from a number of makers and dealers in hydrants, from differents points in The report of the superintendent for the northwest, in relation to the sale and purchase of these adjunct, and upon motion, all were referred to a special committee consisting of Commissioners Fisher, Brix and Superintendent Berswick, for subsequent re-

The commission then made arrangements for the getting out of a form for mission, and not later than the 12th of the reports of the inspector, and left the matter with the superintendent, The report of the secretary and with authority to have them printed and put in regular use in the service. The report of Clerk Lounsberry showing the full status of the commission's proved. It aggregated the sum of affairs for the month of December, in the following words and figures, was read, and approved by the commission

> "Astoria, Ore., Jan. 1, 1906. To the Astoria Water Commission. Gentlemen: I herewith report that the earnings and collections of the

Proprietor Frank Olsen, of the Hotel water commission for the month of December, 1905, were as follows: Register Earnings. Water rates per register as per November report were . . 8 2,518.85 2,515.25 Total register rates for December, 1905

From delinquents sundries (shipping, etc.)..... 582,95 meter accounts Other Than Net Earnings. sale one 14 inch C. I. Tee, 66 lbs., at 5 cents ... 23.50 3,121.70 Total business for December, 1905 Uncollected earnings as per November report were 13,694.60 16,816.30

Sundry Net Earnings,

Cash Collections. From Register rates \$ 2,515.25 stock of supplies..... 16,816,30 Uncollected Earnings to Date are as follows: U. S. Custom House..... Astoria & C. R. R. Co..... 22.50

O. R. & N. Co..... Steamer Naheotta..... 5.00 Tongue Point Lumber Co..... Court House and Jail U. S. Stmr. Maj. Guy Howard..... Hanthorn Cannery Kinney Cannery. Elmore Cannery ,..... 2.40 Astoria Box Co..... A. Booth Co..... North Pacific Brewing Co..... Clatsop Mill Co..... Callender Navigation Co..... Ross, Higgins & Co..... 3.20 J. Lindenberger & Co..... S. Schmidt & Co..... Astoria Electric Co., gas works...... Astoria Electric Co., power house..... Tallant Grant Packing Co..... Sanborn Cutting Co.,.... Union Fishermen's Co-Op. Co..... Astoria Lumber Co.....

City of Astoria...... 13,228.20

Respectfully submitted, G. W. LOUNSBERRY, Clerk. REDUCTIONS REDUCTIONS REDUCTIONS

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The following will now please step up and sign the New Year's resolutions: Football players, insurance managers, Annapolis middies, railroad rebaters and political bosses. Congress will find its same old blank, somewhat tattered, somewhere on the table.

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